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Case 5494CR
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

D. Roe et al.

Serial No. 08/908,852

Filed: August 8, 1997

: Group Art Unit: 3761

: Examiner: M. Polutta

Title: ARTICLE HAVING A LOTIONED TOPSHEET

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in the continued prosecution of the above-identified application and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 1999. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the accompanying amendments and remarks while reexamining the application. A two-month extension of time is requested in the accompanying Transmittal letter.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A disposable article comprising:

A) a liquid impervious backsheet;

B) a liquid pervious, hydrophilic topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward the interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of the wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin[, said lotion coating comprising:

(i) from about 10 to about 95% of a substantially water free emollient having a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C;

(ii) from about 5 to about 90% of one or more immobilizing agents capable of immobilizing said emollient on said outer surface of the topsheet, said one or

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